Communication to Test Coordinators 4.18.08

Update for Test Coordinators
Day 16 of Spring ISAT Window
May 5, 2008

Thank you.
By end of day Friday, you had completed 416,424 content area tests (parts 1 & 2)! By May 16, you will have completed more than 480,000. We appreciate that this is hard work for you and your students.

ISAT Alignment to Standards
We have gotten some questions about whether the ISAT is really aligned to standards. It IS! However, the best way for your teachers to really see, believe, and trust, is to participate in the data review next October. If you have teachers who are concerned—sign them up, we will try to get many new participants next fall to share the insights.

Reactivation
The big issue for the last few days is the *accommodation for audio*. **It is being overlooked!** Once a student begins the test without audio, restarting him/her is considered a retest even if he only answered 3-5 questions. Please remind your proctors to double-check the audio accommodation list and make sure the child receives the accommodation. We will not reactivate for students who are improperly tested.

Long Tests
We have looked into your reports that the reading test is lo-o-o-o-ng. The data shows that the average student is finishing within the 90-minute window. However, we will be discussing the length of the reading test with DRC to see if we can make adjustments to the structure of the reading that would shorten it a bit for future ISATs.

Student Editor will be available through the Make-Up Week
Just a gentle reminder, make your edits this week and be completely done before the end of day, May 16. The Student Editor will shut down with the Make-Up Test Window on May 16. Last year, a few people got caught—don't let it be you! You have that last task of filling in 1 of the 5 codes for "NOT TESTED". (See page 26 in your TAM) Get started this week looking at your data files.

Please be sure that you communicate with your special education teachers about the special deadlines for the IAA test. (See below) The process is new to them this year. Thank you.

AA Student Data Entry- Deadline Friday May 9
The student editor will take changes through the end of May 16. However, with the data transfer that must occur between you, DRC, CAL and the SDE, you are required to enter your students into the student editor before the end of this week. The Tuesday May 13 transfer will be the last opportunity for DRC to route the demographic information through the system to the SDE to allow you to upload student scores next week.

- If you're IAA students are not in the system by this Friday, May 9th you could miss the last window for entering scores next week. Remember, there is a 2-3 day lag in the system.
- If your IAA students are entered by this Friday, May 9, they will make the transfer next Tuesday and SDE will have time to post them before the end of the testing window on May 16.

You will not be allowed to enter the data after 5:00PM on Friday May 16.

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